

## TRUST MEN INDICTED

## Grand Jury Holds Ninety-three Prominent Citizens.

## LUMBER DEALERS ACCUSED

Alleged to Have Combined to Boost  
the Price of Lumber—Manipulation  
of Prices Alleged—Brick Supply  
Company Under Investigation—No  
Immediate Arrests to Be Made.

Toledo, Ohio, April 20.—Ninety-three of the most prominent men in Toledo's business life were indicted on 245 counts by the grand jury which returned its report to Judge Morris this afternoon.

The men indicted are the members of the Toledo Master Plumbers' Association, numbering sixty persons; twenty-four lumbermen, and nine brickmen. The indictments are returned for violation of the Valentine anti-trust law, and are the

The National Supply Company, of South St. Clair street, is the only corporation indicted. This company deals in plumbers' and oil well supplies, and is alleged to have been concerned in the regulation of the prices fixed by the master plumbers' association.

The Toledo Brick Supply Company, also alleged to have been an illegal combination of the brick manufacturers in restraint of trade, is said to have been organized for the purpose of controlling the price of the product of local brick manufacturers. Since the passage of the Valen-

The Toledo Lumber Dealers' Bureau of Credit is charged with being the controlling organization of the lumber market, its members, it is alleged, having combined to boost the prices of lumber a will. Several building contractors test-

ned before the grand jury as to the manner in which its operations affected them in the manipulation of the prices of building material and the cost of construction by the lumber dealers and brick manufacturers.

Nobody will be placed under immediate arrest. The prosecutor will give them a chance to come in voluntarily, plead to the indictments against them, and give

tion for appearance for trial. These preliminary measures will be accomplished within the coming week, and the cases will be assigned for trial later.

## FACTORY WORKERS IN PANIC.

### Three Persons Burned in Fire That Caused Explosion.

Philadelphia, April 20.—Three persons, two women and a man, were seriously injured to-day as the result of an explosion of a gas retort at the plant of John & James Dobson, carpet manufacturers, in the northwestern part of the city.

The explosion followed a slight fire and

threw the 4,000 employees at work in the mills into a panic. Many young women fainted, but all the employees were gotten out safely with the exception of the three who were badly burned. They were Mary Cavanaugh, Annie Mirk, and George Shaw. They were removed to a hospital and probably will recover.

Much damage was done to machinery by the explosion.

### PEACE DELEGATES CONFER.

American Representatives at The Hague Visit State Department.

All the American delegates to the forthcoming peace conference at The Hague, with the exception of Judge U. M. Rose, of Arkansas, had a conference yesterday at the State Department with Secretary of State Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon for the purpose of receiving their instructions as to the part they are to play on behalf of the United States in the congress. The peace delegates were Joseph W. Choate, Charles D. Conant, Charles E. Hughes, Horace Porter, W. L. Ruggles and

Gen. George B. Davis, Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry, J. B. Scott, expert on international law; Charles H. Butler, expert attache, and Chandler Hale, secretary of the delegation.

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